

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee & Board

Thursday, November 11, 2010

Chairs Brandtjen and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Janel Brandtjen (Chair), Gilbert Yerke, Pauline Jaske, Peter Wolff, and Kathleen Cummings. Wolff left the meeting at 3:20 p.m. **Absent:** Jim Jeskewitz and Mike Inda.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), JoAnn Weidmann, Michael O'Brien, Dr. Peter Geiss, and Flor Gonzalez. Supervisors Janel Brandtjen and Paul Decker. Decker left the meeting at 3:15 p.m. **Absent:** Citizen Member Joe Vitale and Supervisors Duane Paulson and Jim Jeskewitz.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Deputy Director Don Maurer, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Juvenile Services Social Worker Carla Rodriguez, Family Services Social Worker Jaime Friedrich, Business Applications Support Unit Clerk/Typist II Joanne Smith, Juvenile Justice 180 Program Case Manager Rebecca Scott, Juvenile Services Supervisor Todd McDonell, Intake & Support Services Manager Antwayne Robertson, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Supervisor Shirley Peterson, Health & Nutrition Supervisor Mary Smith, ADRC Manager Cathy Bellovary, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, AODA Supervisor Susan Andrews, Residential Services Supervisor Joan Sternweis, and Legislative Associate Mary Pedersen.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 9-30-10 and 10-14-10

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Yerke to approve the minutes of September 30. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Yerke to approve the minutes of October 14. Motion carried 5-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)

- December 9

Executive Committee Report of 10-18-10

Brandtjen highlighted the following items from the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved various ordinances that were included in the last set of referrals.
- *The Waukesha Freeman* was awarded the contract to print the County's legal notices.

Announcements

Yerke said the County recently completed the RFP process for Shared Health Services for medical and dental. The contract was awarded to St. Joseph's in Waukesha. Yerke said they are doing a

great job with what they have but it's a small clinic and they may be looking for a new, larger location.

Maurer said the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association (WCHSA) fall/winter conference will be held on December 3, 2010 in Wisconsin Rapids. Brochures are available for anyone interested. Maurer indicated Human Services Day at the State Capital will be held on April 6, 2011 and anyone interested in attending should talk to Brandtjen. Also, the Recognizing Outstanding Kids art show is being held this afternoon at the Human Services Building. Everyone in attendance was invited to attend the event.

Cummings said the Waukesha Housing Authority recently moved into the old fire station (refurbished) on Arcadian and Hartwell in Waukesha. She thinks the grand opening will be held on December 4 in connection with the Art Crawl.

Yerke said the Food Pantry recently moved to a larger location on Sentry Drive. Also, Protect the Planet recently moved but, unfortunately, they have closed due to financial issues. Community Development staff are looking to recover some equipment that had been purchased with block grant funds.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Cummings to approve expenses for any committee members wanting to attend the WCHSA Conference in Wisconsin Rapids December 3. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Tour the Waukesha Housing Authority (Cummings)
- Update on the Ventilation System for the New Human Services Building (Brandtjen)

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said there is not much activity currently at the State level, due to the recent election, although they are tracking new leadership roles. She is also gathering lobbying ideas from County department heads.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 7-29-10 and 10-14-10

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Gonzalez to approve the minutes of July 29. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Gonzalez to approve the minutes of October 14. Motion carried 7-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Weidmann reported that Dr. Ross Clay is the new chair of the Public Health Advisory Committee. They heard a brief update on the Health Council and Weidmann said she is hopeful they will agree to help with the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Farrell indicated the Mental Health Advisory Committee, at their last meeting, heard a presentation by Karen Tredwell of the Food Pantry. Farrell said he had advised of the grant to expand the Alcohol Treatment Court to fourth OWI offenders.

Announcements

Geiss reported that Susan Edwards is the new CEO of ProHealth Care, replacing Ford Titus. Referring to senior services, he advised some programs were cut, primarily due to cost, but neuro-psych evaluations are still available for seniors to diagnose mild to early dementia.

Farrell said the advisory committees will be presenting their unmet needs lists to the Health & Human Services Board and Committee on March 10 and to the Health & Human Services Board on March 31. On March 10, he indicated AODA will go first and Public Health second. On March 31, Mental Health will go first and Child & Family second.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Weidmann moved, second by Geiss to approve expenses for any board members wanting to attend the WCHSA Conference December 3 in Wisconsin Rapids. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Agenda Item

Ordinance 165-O-066: Accept U.S. Department Of Justice, Office Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention Grant Funds For Creation Of A Teen Court Informational DVD And Modify The Waukesha County Department Of Health And Human Services' 2010 Budget To Appropriate Grant Expenditures And Revenues

Slesar explained this ordinance which involves accepting a \$3,230 grant for the production of an informational DVD to inform community referral sources of the services provided through the Waukesha County Teen Court Program.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 165-O-066. Motion carried 5-0.

Combined Agenda Items

Equal Access Group Recognition

Slesar introduced Smith, Rodriguez, and Friedrich. He advised staff gave a presentation on the Equal Access Group to the board and committee back in September. Equal Access is a group of human services employees who examine the department's service delivery system, and fix if necessary, to ensure all citizens/groups are given equal access to services. Rodriguez and Slesar praised the work of Friedrich and Smith and presented them with certificates of appreciation. Maurer and Schuler surprised Slesar with accolades and a certificate of appreciation as well.

Presentation on Juvenile Justice 180 Diversion Program

Scott advised diversion suspends traditional criminal justice proceedings by giving offenders the chance to engage in alternatives to incarceration. These efforts are aimed at rehabilitation and restorative justice, allowing offenders a second chance to have their charges reduced or dropped,

given they satisfy a number of predetermined requirements. The program accepts first-time offenders ages 17-20 who are facing misdemeanor or low-level felony charges. Young adults make up a significant portion of the cases prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office. The volume and complexity of these cases have increased over the years resulting in increased costs, decreased property values, and overcrowded jail populations. The program allows troubled young people of Waukesha County to become healthy, positive, and productive members of society. This nine-month program includes 72 hours of evidence-driven curriculum and life skills classes, a minimum of 40 hours of community service, six months of case management, professional guest speakers and advisors, drug testing, etc. Program effectiveness will be evaluated through cooperation with UW-Extension specialists.

Statistic of the Month: Recurrence of Maltreatment

Robertson advised the recurrence of maltreatment figure is the percentage of all child victims or families with a substantiation of child abuse and/or neglect which had another substantiated finding within a six-month period. The national standard is 94.6% or less and this is an important standard, as the primary focus of child protective services is safety. Therefore, it is crucial that initial social work assessments, and subsequent decisions around case closure, in-home safety services, or out-of-home safety services, reflect appropriate levels of accuracy and rigor, which result in children being kept safe following department involvement. This national standard compares to Waukesha County whose 2009 actual was 96.45%, whose 2010 target was 94.6% or less, whose 2010 estimate is 96.45%, and whose 2011 target is 94.6% or less.

Brandtjen asked how these figures compare to other counties that border Waukesha, such as Milwaukee and Ozaukee. Robertson said we are in very good shape and will provide a comparison document.

Committee Agenda Item

Ordinance 165-O-067: Accept And Appropriate State Of Wisconsin Division Of Public Health Women, Infant And Children Nutrition Program 2010 Grant Funding Increases To The Waukesha County Department Of Health And Human Services

Healy-Haney explained this ordinance as outlined which involves accepting a \$23,020 grant, above what was estimated in the 2010 adopted budget, for the WIC Program. The funds will pay for temporary extra help (\$9,125); expanded regular part-time coverage (\$875); medical equipment and other supplies (\$3,810); two laptops and software (\$3,800); furniture and equipment (\$2,500); and interdepartmental charges (\$2,910).

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 165-O-067. Motion carried 5-0.

Combined Agenda Items

Update on Family Care

Peterson noted that Family Care is one of their Long Term Care programs. She advised from January of 2010 to the present, 424 individuals were enrolled in Long Term Care programs. Of those, 367 went into Family Care. Fifty-six of those cases were for nursing home relocations and

29 people transferred from other counties. The remaining 282 came off of the wait list. There are currently 141 people still on the elderly wait lists. During 2010, they were able to eliminate the wait lists for those with physical disabilities. Currently, anyone with physical disabilities who meet the functional and financial requirements can immediately go into any of the programs. Also, they are very close to eliminating the wait lists for the developmentally disabled.

Peterson indicated the primary reason for the ongoing elderly wait lists is due to the County's high elderly population. To answer Weidmann's question, Peterson estimated the wait list for the elderly is about one year, give or take. Bellovary added that the wait list needs to be eliminated by July 1, 2011 because that's when entitlement begins unless that changes with the new administration.

Peterson advised that new State requirements have made it more difficult to open new cases, not so much for the elderly but for people with developmental and physical disabilities. An array of medical information is sent to the State and they are finding that a lot more people just do not meet the care level like they use to and, therefore, are ineligible. In defense of the State, Maurer said the State does need to monitor caseload and report back to the Feds.

Older American's Act Reauthorization

Smith explained that the Older Americans Act is up for reauthorization in 2011. If this program is eliminated, so are home delivered meals, senior dining centers, the caregiver support program, etc. Smith said they are strongly encouraging their seniors to advocate for themselves. The Act, for those who are not eligible for Family Care and over the age of 60, began in 1950. These federal dollars are at risk of being eliminated. The State is holding listening sessions throughout the state and they are working with the different organizations and service providers to develop ideas and positions. Smith advocated that Title III funds be set up as a block grant whereby departments can determine how the funds would best be spent.

Decker left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Smith advised other recommendations include allowing senior centers to establish fee-for-service charges, expand III-D health and wellness programs for evidence-based prevention, expand the aging network's role in access to housing, fund ADRC's as the aging network's single point of entry, etc.

Wolff left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Smith indicated that discussions took place this summer through a variety of forums. Position papers were developed and recently submitted. Various organizations will work with the Senate Committee on Aging to develop recommendations and proposals will be introduced in congress next year. Advocacy efforts will be in full force and staff are hopeful the Act will be reauthorized.

Social Rehabilitation and Residential Resources, Inc./ARO Contract Renewal Discussion

DeMares indicated both Century House and Sampson House (formerly Nelson House) are both halfway houses for individuals with chronic and persistent mental illness. Both homes were run by Social Rehabilitation & Residential Resources for many years. However, Social Rehab is closing primarily due to a lack of clientele and funding. ARO Counseling has agreed to assume these responsibilities and talks are underway on how to sustain the two group homes and maintain

continuity of the programs for the clients. Social Rehab staff have remained in anticipation of working for ARO. County staff will be working with ARO and they are hopeful the transfer of the contract will occur in 60 to 90 days. DeMares noted they are familiar with ARO and the County has worked with them before.

Tour of ADRC

Committee and board members left for a tour the Aging & Disability Resource Center, located at the Human Services Building. Because neither group would have a quorum, both the committee and board adjourned.

MOTION: Weidmann moved, second by Gonzalez to adjourn the board meeting at 3:50 p.m.
Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Cummings moved ,second by Yerke to adjourn the committee meeting at 3:50 p.m.
Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary